

The increase in the average fishing income in 1996, 1998, 2000 and 2001 is primarily due to an increase in landings from Hertford County participants. However, the increase in the average fishing income in 1995 appears to be due to a decline in the number of participants in Hertford County with only a slight decline in harvest resulting in a larger average fishing income compared to the average fishing income in 1994. The decline in the average fishing income in 1997 and 1999 is due to a decline in harvest for those years. The decline in harvest during 1999 is probably due to the three sequential hurricanes that impacted the North Carolina coast during the fall and suggests that a large portion of the commercial fishermen in Hertford County participate in fall fisheries.

Hyde

The total landings in Hyde County decreased in 1995 and then exhibited an overall increasing trend from 1995-1998 (Table 70). The total landings exhibited a declining trend after 1998 through 2001 (Table 70). The total landings in Hyde County from 1994-2001 ranged from a low of 9 million pounds in 2001 to a high of almost 16 million pounds in 1998 (Table 70). The current value for the total landings in Hyde County declined from 1994-1995 and then increased from 1995-1997 (Table 70). The current value declined again in 1998, but quickly increased from 1999-2000 (Table 70). The current value declined to end the 1994-2001 period, possibly indicating the beginning of a decreasing trend in upcoming years (Table 70). The current value ranged from a low of \$8 million in 2001 to a high of almost \$13 million in 2000 (Table 70). The deflated value exhibited a declining trend during the first 3 years of the study and then increased in 1997 (Table 70). The deflated value then fluctuated from 1997-1999 and then exhibited a decreasing trend from 1999-2001 (Table 70). The deflated value ranged from a low of \$1,930,000 in 2001 to a high of \$3,121,000 in 1999 (Table 70).

Shellfish landings by weight in Hyde County nearly doubled the landings of finfish during the 1994-2001 interval (Tables 13-14). Landings of shellfish declined from 1994-1995 and then increased from 1995-1998 (Table A18). Landings of shellfish then exhibited a declining trend to end the 1994-2001 interval (Table A18). Landings of shellfish ranged from a low of 5 million pounds in 2001 to a high of 11 million pounds in